The St Gregory’s College Mock Trial team entered the Law Society of NSW Mock Trial Competition this year along with almost 170 schools from around the State. Each school is assigned either ‘Prosecution’ or ‘Defence’ in a legal case and prepare to do battle against each other with a magistrate presiding and scoring each team.

The boys grew in confidence in the early rounds, winning three from four trials and making the knock-out stage of the competition (top 64 schools) for the first time. From there, this outstanding group of boys worked tirelessly, trial after trial and progressed to the Grand Final of the competition against Green Point Christian College.

After an intense three hours, we were awarded the 2016 State Champions, with Barrister, Sean Mabin (Year 11), also collecting the Sydney University Advocacy Prize on the day. This is a huge achievement for the boys, who have been giving up lunch times and sport for many months, preparing case after case and they should all be immensely proud of their efforts this year.

Thank you to everyone for the support over the year, both myself and especially the boys have greatly appreciated it.

Stephen Bullock, Mock Trial Coach
Dear Members of the St Gregory’s Family,

Today brings down the curtain on what has been a year of celebration especially as the College marked 90 years of Marist Education here at the College and in the Macarthur Region. We had two wonderful celebrations this year, the Blue and Maroon Weekend with the Art Show and Ball followed by the 90th Anniversary Dinner and Mass in September. They were wonderful celebrations, giving members of our community the opportunity to come together and relive and remember the last 90 years.

The College has had some notable victories this year with the most recent being the Mock Trial, where the College was declared the State Champion for the first time. The best the College had done previously was to make the round of sixty-four. This is a monumental occasion and credit for the victory would have to go to Mr Stephen Bullock and the team of young men from Year 11. Only yesterday, the 1st Grade Cricket Team was participating at the Marist Cricket Carnival in Cairns and were declared the winners of the tournament with a number of the boys making the Australian Merit Team.

The College record at Marist Carnivals is impressive to say the least with the College winning ten times in the last twenty years.

The College announced this year that the Junior School would be opening in 2018. This announcement generated a lot of interest from many in the Macarthur Region. A lot of work has to be completed over the next twelve months for the Junior School to be ready for 2018.

The Senior School will complete the upgrade of the Learning Centre so that it is ready for occupation in February for the students return. The Learning Centre is replacing the old Library which is housed on the top of the oldest building at the College. It has taken some time but now the College has been completely refurbished to a standard that is in keeping with the 21st century education standards. Credit for this refurbishment has to go to Mr John Vardy – Building Manager and Mr John Sammut –Finance Manager. These two gentlemen together have brought many of the projects to fruition. They have both now retired from the College and they leave behind a wonderful legacy for the students, now and those still to come.
On Thursday, 30 November Mr Millar hosted a dinner in the refurbished Boarders’ Dining room, formerly known as Donovan Centre, to say a thank you to the many people within our College community who volunteer their time to the many activities at St Greg’s, from the canteen to the Foundation Board members, Finance Advisory Council, weekend sport and BBQs and the Celebrity Sports Dinner committee. Many of these services would not be able to operate without the help from our past and current parent body, so a warm thank you to all.

A lot has taken place at the College in terms of building and facilities but it is important to remember that it is the people in the building that make up the community and they determine what sort of community St Greg’s will be. From my observations this year, we are fortunate to have such a wonderful group of people as members of our St Greg’s Family.

I will take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and Holy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Mr Damien Millar
Headmaster
On Friday, 2 September the entire school Community came together to celebrate the Feast of St Gregory and 90 years of Marist Education at St Gregory’s College. It was a great atmosphere with over 1600 in the new Br Luke Hall with many ex-principals and staff members, parents and old boys in attendance. The boys were given a 90th year commemorative tie pin to wear with their College tie. After Mass our guests enjoyed a special morning tea together.

To conclude the celebrations, over 500 guests gathered at the Campbelltown Catholic Club that evening to share a meal, renew friendships and reminisce. It was wonderful to see many old boys represented from a variety of year groups, including past committee members from the Rodeo and Art Committees. Our guests were entertained with great live music played by the “The Band Room” and particularly enjoyed the interactive monitors and slideshow presentations.

The day was a wonderful celebration to conclude this significant milestone event.

We appreciate the extraordinary effort to bring this 90th event together driven by the Old Boys Committee. Special thanks to Mr Stephen Bullock ’01, Mr John Vardy ’68, Mr Ben Rogers ’96, Mr Daniel Meadows ’05, Mr Adrian Quig ’01, Mrs Rebecca Purcell, Mr Gerard Fetterplace ’89 and Ms Mary Stepien.
Opportunities for our **Year 10 Students**

**OVERLAND TRACK**

Each year a select group of Year 10 students travel to Tasmania to hike the Overland Track. The boys had a wonderful trip traversing the World Heritage Alpine Wilderness. They were able to climb all three peaks Cradle Mountain, Barnes Bluff and, the highest peak in Tasmania, Mt Ossa, which is a rarity. They also swam at the base of Hartnett’s Waterfall in freezing cold water. The group finished the 100km walk all in good spirits apart from a few blisters.

**MURRUMBIDGEE PADDLE 2016**

This year we saw fifteen Year 10 boys take on the challenge of paddling from Sandy Falls, just south of Coolac to Wagga. The students were required to carry their food and clothing, as well as cook and set-up camp each night. The boys learnt to negotiate at times fast moving water and many obstacles in the river. The conditions were extremely varied from paddling through 35 degree days to heavy rain and winds. Mr Nelson, Mr Bonfield and Mr Clarke accompanied the boys on the trip. Over the week the boys developed many new skills in cooking, paddling and team building.
ADVENTURE SAILING ON THE SOUTH PASSAGE

Crewing on the sailing ship, “South Passage” for a five-day voyage up the NSW coast provided one of the highlights of the year for fifteen lucky Year 10 boys. Students were given hands on training in all aspects of running the schooner from having a turn at being the skipper at the helm and navigator as well as hauling the sails and keeping night watch. Along the voyage, the students were also treated to sightings of albatross, flying fish and a pod of breaching black dolphins swimming alongside the ship. All in all, it was a fantastic opportunity that the boys will treasure for years to come.

YEAR 10 CAMP

Year 10 camp at Kincumber. What an awesome experience!! Watching these young men push themselves out of their comfort zone and achieve the unexpected was the highlight.

ART ATTACK

On Thursday, 1 December, the College’s Art Department hosted its annual ‘Art Attack’ exhibition of student works. A large number of parents accompanied their sons for the opening on the evening. Our new Art Block has provided fantastic opportunities for the boys to develop their talents. The standard of works ranging from water colours, to ceramics and digital photography were of a very high standard and reflect the efforts of the dedicated art staff at the College, led by Ms Elissa Ferenc.
Since bidding farewell to one another over 50 years ago, many old boys from the Class of 1966 and beyond reunited at the Vintage Luncheon on Wednesday, 22 June. It was an opportunity to catch up on old times and talk about life, careers and all that has happened since their St Gregory’s days. The day commenced with a Liturgy in the College Chapel, then a tour and concluded with a lovely lunch in the Donovan Room.

The Classes of 1986, 1996 and 2006 also celebrated with their reunions over the weekend of 24 and 25 June with record numbers of former students attending the two events and lots of laughter and singing of the Sub Tuum and many friendships renewed. The Class of 2011 also celebrated their five year milestone on 11 November.
MARSHALL ROGERS GOLF DAY

The ninth Marshall Rogers Golf Day was held on Wednesday, 23 November and attracted over 120 golfers to the Camden Lakeside Country Club. The Golf Day is organised by Ben Rogers from the Class of 1998 in honour of his late father, Marshall. The funds raised on the day are donated to the College’s Bursary Fund which assists students with their senior education at St Gregory’s. Thank you to Ben and his family for this generous gift and congratulations on the organisation of another successful Golf Day. If you would like more information on the Bursary Fund or how you can donate, please contact the Development Office at the College.

COLLEGE CHAPEL

The College Chapel continues to be well used by our old boys with a number of Baptisms and Wedding celebrations held throughout the year. Congratulations to Tim Bromley ‘08 on his marriage to Renee Arcuri and Kealan Mulholland-Brown ‘10 on his marriage to Sarah Grace.

Enquiries and bookings to use the College Chapel please visit our College website www.stgregs.nsw.edu.au for more information.
SAVE THE DATES  OLD BOYS EVENTS PLANNED FOR 2017

Challenge Cup – Old Boys Oztag day at the College. A round robin competition of touch footy to be held on Sunday, 2 April 2017.

Classes of 1957 and 1967 – Celebrating 50 and 60 years
Vintage Luncheon – Wednesday, 21 June 2017 – Tour the College, attend a College Liturgy with students and enjoy lunch in the Donovan Room.

Class of 2007 – Celebrating 10 years since being at St Gregory’s
Friday, 23 June 2017 – Dinner to be held in the Donovan Room at the College.

Classes of 1987 and 1977 – Celebrating 20 and 30 years
Saturday, 24 June 2017 - College Tour and dinner to be held in the Donovan Room.


It would be wonderful if old Bboys who are interested in attending any of these events for 2017 could contact the Development Office via email oldboys@stgregs.nsw.edu.au or by telephoning 4629 4132.

STAYING CONNECTED
Visit our Old Boys Community Facebook page for the latest information on what's happening around the College. Encourage old boys to register their details at the Old Boys link on the St Gregory's website – www.stgregs.nsw.edu.au or drop a line to Old Boys Secretary, St Gregory's College, 100 Badgally Road, Campbelltown NSW 2560

Mission
The Marist theme for this year, Mercy, challenged us as a community to live out the spiritual and the corporal acts of mercy: feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned, bury the dead, give alms to the poor, instruct, advise, console, comfort, forgive, bear wrongs patiently. So every time any opportunity came up for a staff member or student to be of service to others, we took on the challenge.

A well as our regular Lenten appeal which continues well past the Easter deadline, we were involved in many programs within the school and in the wider community. These included the Saint Vincent De Paul Doorknock Appeal, The Red Shield Appeal for the Salvation Army, the Socks, Jocks and Razors drive for the Matthew Talbot Hostel, the Christmas Hampers Appeal for the Claymore community as well as the Campbelltown chapter of St Vincent de Paul. Our Year 10s and 11s completed the community service project, completing hours of voluntary work in the community, including forming a team of eight each week to play touch footy or volleyball with the young people of the Reiby Juvenile Justice Centre. We continued to support Claymore Homework club, represented at the ANZAC Day march, stood proudly at White Ribbon Day events and supported Mater Dei School. Another busy year meant we were again able to play our small part in building a stronger more merciful community.

CONGRATULATIONS - BROCK COOPER
Brock Cooper studied Design & Technology for his HSC. His Design Project saw him come up with a solution to cleaning Wheelie Bins. His project won best ‘sustainability project’ from the University of Wollongong this year. His project and folio were also selected to be on display as part of the BOSTES Shape Exhibition at the Powerhouse Museum starting in February. Congratulations Brock!
Since the annual Celebrity Sports Dinner was established some 23 years ago, the generosity of our College community has been extraordinary.

The continued success of the dinner certainly would not be possible without the dedicated committee, Mr Bruce Hanrahan, Mr Paul Wakeling, Mr Steve Carter, Mr Jack Hughes, Mrs Annette O’Neill, Mr Greg Field, Mr Zoran Dzevlan and Mrs Angela Macbeth.

A huge thank you to our local businesses and sponsors without you, we would simply not have this amazing event to host each year. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated by the boys of our College. We thank most sincerely our major sponsors, Wests Campbelltown, Meehans Solicitors, Wakeling Automotive, Gregory’s Hills, C91.3, Crown Hotel, Campbelltown Catholic Club, Hope Diving Services, Casella Family Brands, Wards Accounting, Warburn Estate, Durham Green, Partners in Paint, Fetterplace Civil and Safety Australia Group. Please support these businesses as they support us.
Farewell Lyn Bristow & Kaye Ferris

After 29 years of working at St Gregory’s, Mrs Lyn Bristow has retired. Lyn’s association with the College began when she was approached by Brother Jeff back in 1987 and since that time she has managed the canteen with great dedication and effort. After nearly thirty years of working at the College Lyn will be greatly missed.

Mrs Kaye Ferris commenced at the College in 1995 and since that time has helped manage the College canteen with Lyn. Feeding over a thousand hungry boys and teachers can be demanding. Both ladies had great patience, care and a smile for everyone. We thank them for the enormous contribution to the College and wish them well in their retirement.

Marist Cricket Australasian Marist Cricket Carnival

St Gregory’s College has earned a reputation as one of New South Wales’ best cricket schools in recent years. This recognition was strengthened by our recent victory at the recent Australasian Marist Cricket Carnival at St Augustine’s in Cairns. The Carnival brings together teams from Marist schools across Australia. Congratulations to the team and Coach, Mr Luke Morrissey and Manager, Mr Joseph Lantz.